

# Master Planning News

## Governor Tommy G. Thompson Centennial State Park Peshtigo River State Forest

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## State Park Preferred Alternatives

After weeks of meeting, brainstorming, discussing, and analyzing the preferred alternatives for Gov. Thompson State Park have been revised. Thank you to all who took the time to contribute! The draft management alternatives were first presented to you in the April 2003 edition of *Master Planning News* and then at the Public meetings

### FEATURES

**South entrance, from  
Ranch Road**

**Maintain existing  
forest in healthy  
condition**

**Limited boundary  
expansion**

**Recreational features  
appear rustic with  
some comforts**

*(See full text on page 3.)*

held on April 15 & 16. They focused on issues of park entrance, park boundaries, vegetation management goals, and recreation development within the Park. Public comment, input from the Basin Partners Team, and review from the Guidance Team and comparison with the Vision and Goals statement were all considered.

## April Public Meetings Reviewed

The DNR recently held two public meetings, April 15<sup>th</sup> in the Township of Stephenson, and April 16<sup>th</sup> in Green Bay. About 45 or 50 people attended each, despite icy road conditions in Green Bay. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the alternatives for Gov. Thompson State Park and to gather public comment and opinion regarding the alternatives. An open-forum style meeting enabled attendees to view maps, charts, and photographs set up around the room and a chance to talk one-on-one with DNR staff in an informal setting. Flip chart tablets and maps were set up around the room to record comments generated through discussion. Also, a public opinion sampler was

distributed at the meetings. This opinion sampler asked the public to express their preference regarding the park entrance (north v. south), park boundary (expansion v. no change), managing vegetation (natural succession, maintain existing, or restore pre-settlement forest conditions)

and recreation development (four options with varying levels of development) or to share their own alternative suggestions. Although not a formal survey, the sampler provided useful information on the public's preferences for the park. *(See page 2 for details of the opinion sampler.)*



*Public Meeting, Township of Stephenson, 4/15/03*